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FEATURING

# SPIDER-MAN™

AND

# IRON MAN™



**CHAOS  
IN THE  
COURT!**

THE SHATTERING  
CONCLUSION OF  
THE SAGA OF  
THE *WRAITH*!





# THE TRIAL OF THE WRAITH!



\*AS RECOUNTED LAST ISH--ARCHIE.

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BUT BOTH THE FRUSTRATIONS OF THE BAILIFF AND THE PLEA OF POLICE CAPTAIN JEAN DEWOLFF HAVE TO WAIT ON THE ARRIVAL OF CERTAIN GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS.

HEY, JJJ! ISN'T THAT EMERSON BALE -- THE FAMOUS DEFENSE ATTORNEY -- WITH IRON MAN?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, PARKER? DON'T YOU READ THE BUGLE?

OF COURSE IT IS! AND WE WOULDN'T BE LATE IF YOU HADN'T STOPPED TO BUY FILM!!

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IF JONAH ONLY KNEW!

AS SPIDEY, I WAS AS MUCH A PART OF GETTING JEAN'S DAD AND BROTHER A FAIR TRIAL AS WERE DOC AND IRON MAN!

BUT EVEN MY CO-HEROES DON'T KNOW THE WALL-CRAWLER'S HERE--AS PETER PARKER!

PARKER! WHERE IS THAT SHIRKER?

SORRY, LADY!

OF ALL THE NERVE--

AND JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

J. JONAH JAMESON, THAT'S WHO! PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE!

THE PRESS OF FREE- DOM!

SO YOU'RE THE MAN THAT PRINTS THAT SCANDAL SHEET!

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU A THING OR TWO--

YOU KEEPER BUSY, JJJ-- WHILE I GET SOME PICS!

THE PRESS HAS ALREADY BEGUN MISREPRESENTING THIS CASE, DOCTOR TURNING IT INTO A SIDE-SHOW!

IT IS NEVER ANY DIFFERENT, AVENGER.

THOSE IN THE LIME-LIGHT, AS WE ARE--AS JEAN IS NOW--ARE EVER SUBJECT TO THE CURIOUS PASSIONS OF OTHERS!

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, DOC-- BUT YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED THOSE FEELINGS!

AND THAT I FIND HARD TO SWALLOW!

NOW SMILE, FELLAS-- AND SAY CHEESE!

TRUTH! FROM A PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER!!

AND--YES! THOUGH I BE A TRUE MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS--

--IT WAS THOSE SAME PASSIONS THAT DROVE THE MAN I WAS--

--AND THAT PERHAPS STILL DRIVE THE MAN I HAVE BECOME!

WHY ALL THE SPECIAL HARDWARE, FRIENDS?

JEAN DEWOLFF REQUESTED IT OF FURY, KID!

GUESS SHE THINKS SHE'LL NEED A LINK-UP WITH SOME OF THE BEST LEGAL-EAGLES IN THE COUNTRY.

YOU CAN TELL BALE IT'S READY, CARTER!

RIGHT.









--SUCH AS THE UN-SUSPECTING SHIELD TECHNICIAN ASSIGNED TO WATCH OVER THE HELMET--



--WHICH, WHILE IT EFFECTIVELY JAMS THE ALPHA FREQUENCIES OF MY MIND--  
--IS SOMEWHAT LESS OF A SUCCESS IN THE DELTA RAMSE!

I FEEL...  
**STRANGE!**  
WHAT'S--



HAPPENING, MY GOOD MAN? IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, REALLY!

YOUR MIND IS BEING INVADED--

--BY MINE!!



AND SINCE THERE IS NO ROOM INSIDE YOUR SKULLCASE FOR TWO PSYCHES--

--I'M AFRAID YOURS--

WILL HAVE TO GO!



AND NOW, MY UNWILLING HOST BODY --DISCONNECT THE ALPHA JAMMER!

IT IS DONE, UN-  
NOTICED BY ALL IN  
THE COURT...



...FOR THE EVENTS BEFORE THE BENCH HOLD ALL EYES RIVETED.

WHICH, FOR ONE PERSON IN PARTICULAR, IS A BLESSING.

THE GUARD'S SO  
ABSORBED IN THE  
PERRY MASON PART  
OF THIS CASE--

--THAT I PROBABLY  
COULD'VE BROUGHT  
AN ELEPHANT  
THROUGH HERE  
WITHOUT HIM  
SEEING IT!



IT IS  
DONE!

NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS  
TO RE-ESTABLISH THE MIND-  
LINK BETWEEN BRIAN  
AND I--

--AND THE  
WRAITH WILL AVENGE  
THE WRONGS DONE  
HIS FATHER!!



"SUCH IS THE WAY OF JUSTICE!"

DOCTOR STRANGE?

YES, MS.  
DEWOLFF?

I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
--BUT I COULD SWEAR  
THAT I JUST SAW  
BRIAN MOVE!



YOU'RE RIGHT, JEAN! IT IS IMPOSSIBLE--BECAUSE THE ONLY MIND CAPABLE OF REACHING BRIAN IS YOUR FATHER'S, AND--

GOOD LORD!

SOMEONE'S  
PULLED THE  
PLUG!!



THEN DEWOLFF'S MIND IS FREE! SEE TO BRIAN, IRON MAN--

--QUICKLY!!

TOO LATE! HE'S  
GETTING UP!  
HE'S GOING TO--



FOR WANT OF A BETTER WORD, LET'S  
JUST CALL IT... **MINDSTRIKE!!**

AND ALL PRESENT IN  
THE COURTROOM FEEL  
IT TEARING, REMOVING  
AWAY AT THE FABRIC  
OF THEIR MINDS!

L-LORD!  
WHAT IS IT?  
MAKE IT  
STOP!

PAIN!  
TEARING  
AT ME!

GENTLY, BRIAN!  
GENTLY! WE DON'T  
TO BURN THEM  
OUT.

WE MERELY WISH TO  
TEACH THEM A LITTLE  
LESSON ABOUT THE  
NATURE OF POWER!

BUT AS THE ASSEMBLED  
CROWD WRITHES IN SEARING  
AGONY...

...THE WRAITH'S BOOT  
MAKES CONTACT WITH  
THE SAME LIVE WIRE  
THAT HAS BEEN RES-  
PONSIBLE FOR THE  
LOOSING OF HIS FATHER'S  
MIND...

...AND THE RESULTS THIS  
TIME ARE AS SUDDEN...

AARGHH!  
E-E-E-LE-  
LE-ELECTRI-  
CITY R-R-RIP-PING  
M-ME A-P-PART!

S-S-SOME-  
THING H-HAPPEN-  
ING TO M-ME!

...AS THEY ARE UNEXPECTED!

**SKRAK!**

BY ALL THAT'S  
HOLY! BRIAN'S  
MIND IS FLOOD-  
ING INTO MINE!

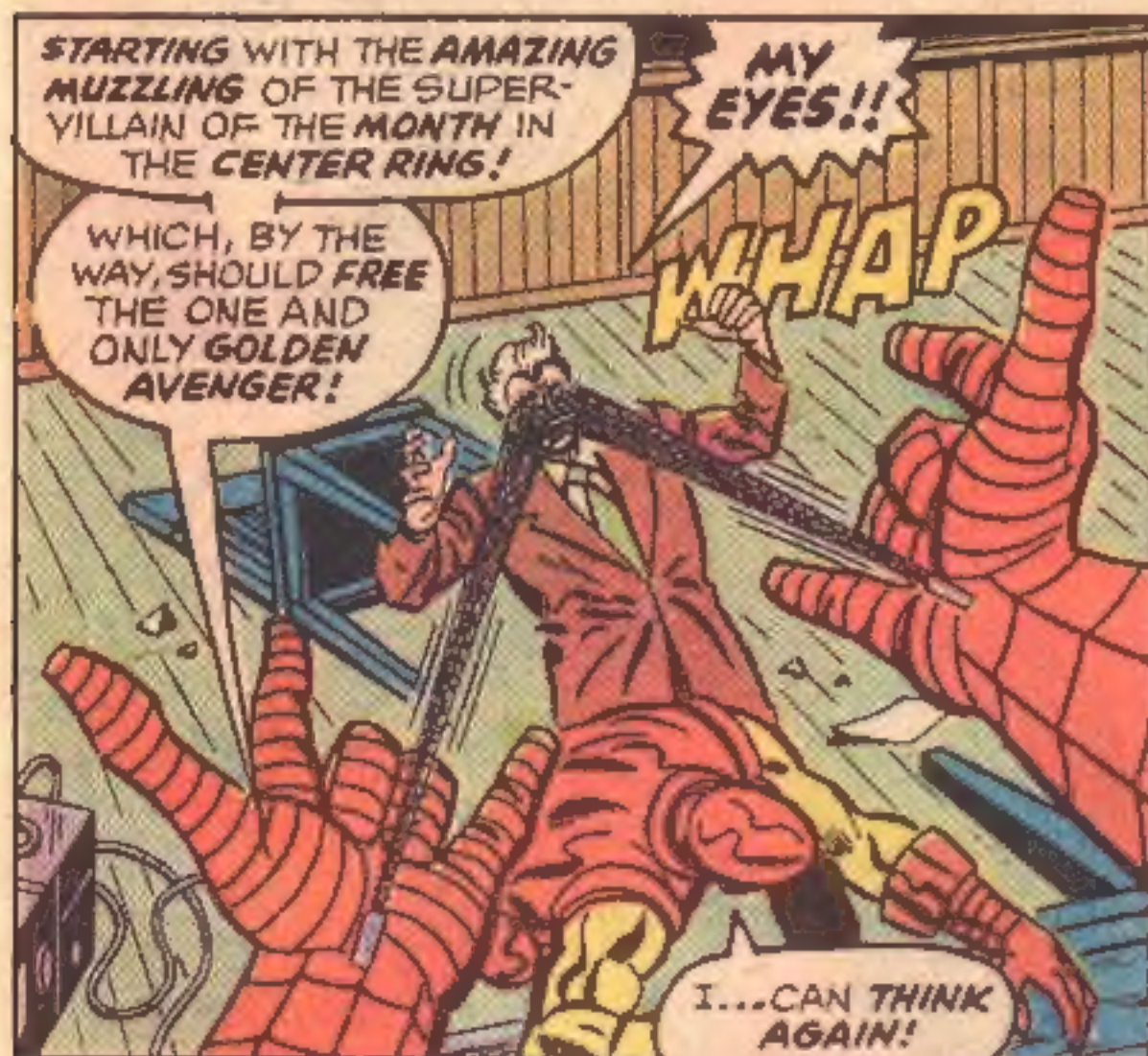
NO  
LONGER  
MUST I MERELY  
ACT THROUGH  
MY SON--

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NO, HE ISN'T!

BUT HE IS-- WITHOUT MY FATHER MENTALLY COMMANDING HIM!

THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH A TIME-CONSUMING METHOD, DAUGHTER--

--FOR AS YOU HAVE GUESSED BY MY SAYING THAT--



--IT IS YOUR FATHER WHO CO-INHABITS-- AND RULES-- YOUR BROTHER'S BODY!

IT IS NOW TRULY PHILLIP DEWOLFF WHO IS--

--THE WRAITH!!



THEN PERHAPS IT IS THE NOVELTY OF YOUR POSITION THAT HAS SLOWED YOU--

JUST SO LONG AS IT DOESN'T STOP ME FROM BLASTING BACK THROUGH IT, STRANGE!

--GIVING ME TIME TO THROW UP A MYSTIC SHIELD AGAINST YOUR ATTACK!

NOT EVEN YOUR REPULSOR-RAYS CAN HARM ME NOW, IRON MAN--

--NOR CAN YOU BE SURE WHETHER YOU'VE REALLY FIRED THEM--



--OR WHETHER IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND!--

HE'S AT IT AGAIN, TEAM! AND IF THAT'S MY IMAGINATION COMIN' AT US--



--IT SURE IS A WHOPPER!--

SKROOM

BY THE SEVEN VEILS!

HE MAKES THE COURTROOM FLOOR ITSELF TO TRANSFORM!

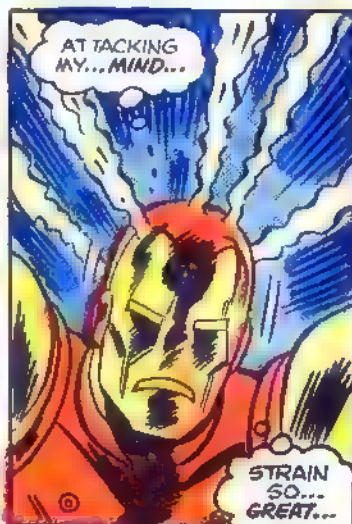
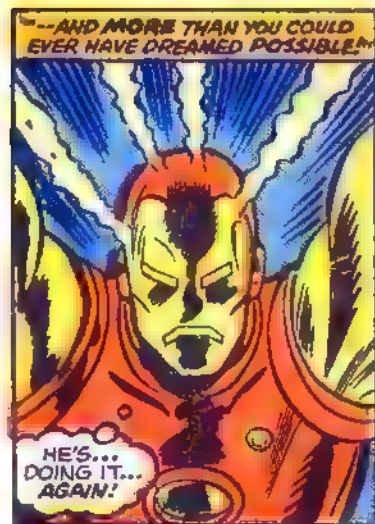
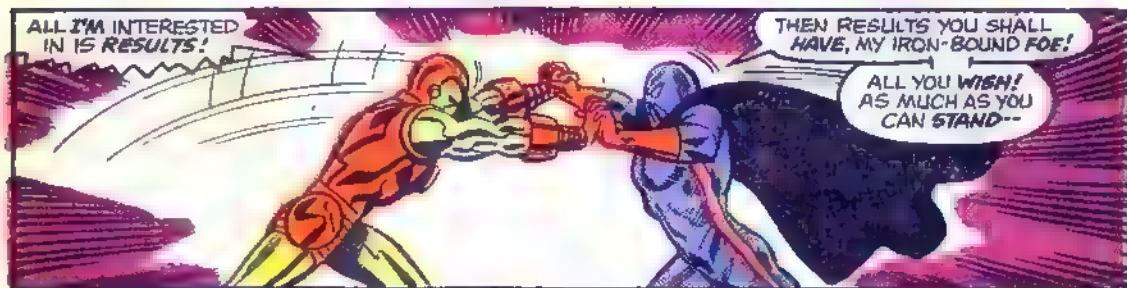
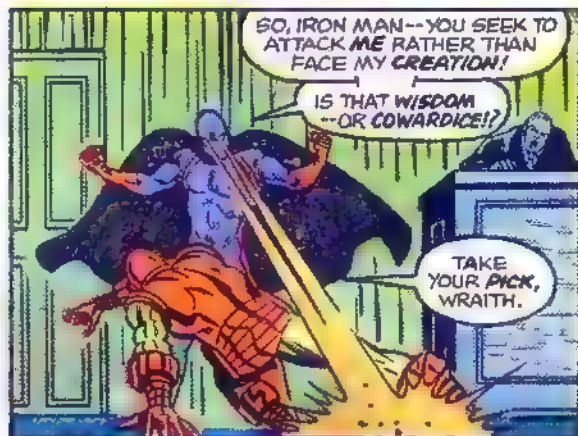
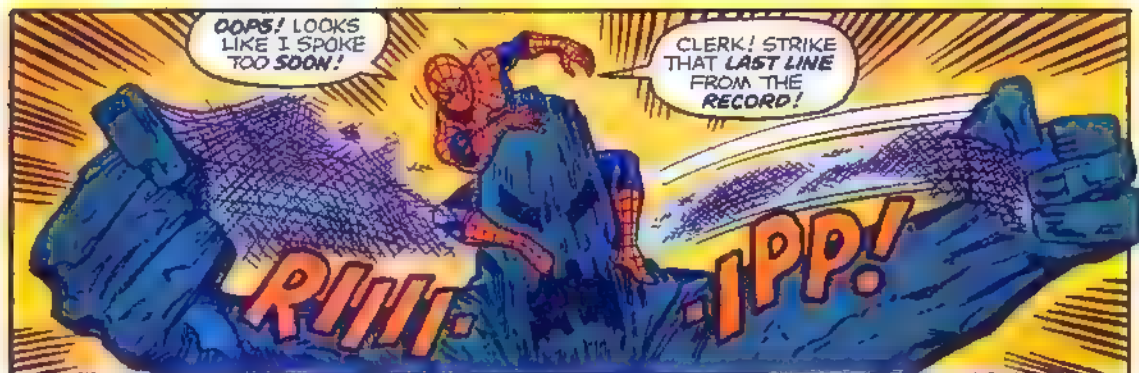
INTO SOME KIND OF MONSTER, DOC!

BUT...IS IT REAL?--

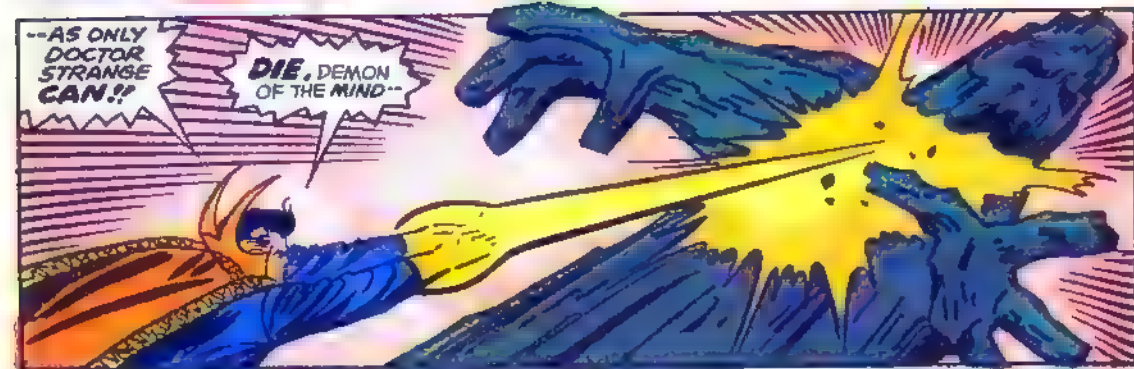
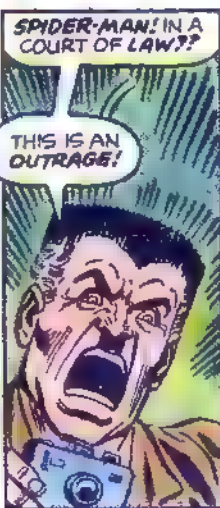
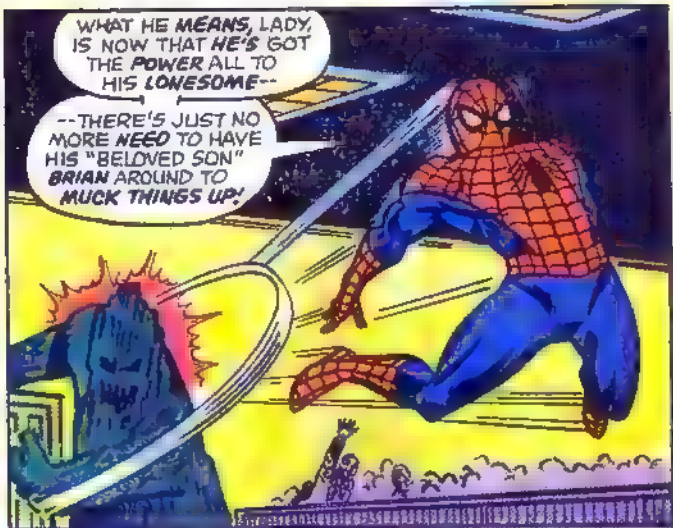
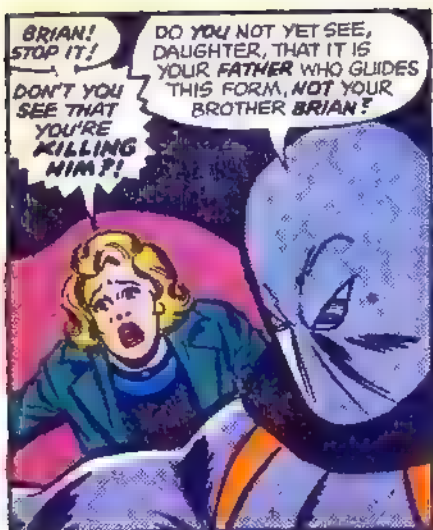




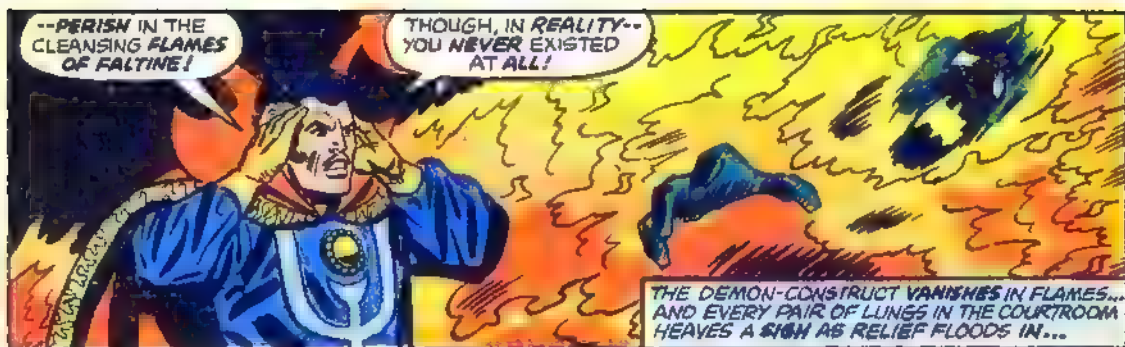








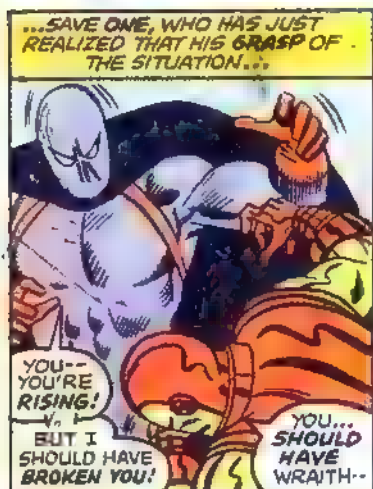




--PERISH IN THE  
CLEANSING FLAMES  
OF FALTINE!

THOUGH, IN REALITY--  
YOU NEVER EXISTED  
AT ALL!

THE DEMON-CONSTRUCT VANISHES IN FLAMES...  
AND EVERY PAIR OF LUNGS IN THE COURTROOM  
HEAVES A SIGH AS RELIEF FLOODS IN...



...SAVE ONE, WHO HAS JUST  
REALIZED THAT HIS GRASP OF  
THE SITUATION...

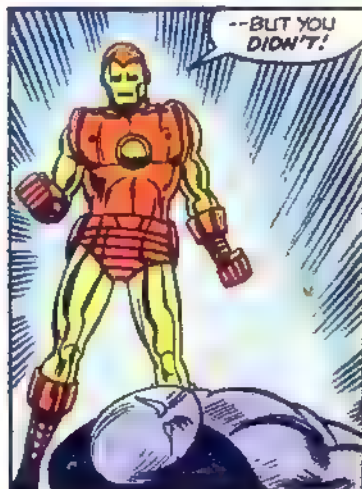
YOU--  
YOU'RE  
RISING!

BUT I  
SHOULD HAVE  
BROKEN YOU!

YOU...  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
WRAITH--



...IS SLIPPING!



--BUT YOU  
DIDN'T!



AND THEN,  
AT LAST...

...IT'S ALL  
OVER.



IRON MAN!

I'M ALL RIGHT,  
DOCTOR! JUST  
A LITTLE  
TIRED!

BUT  
BRIAN--?

SHELLHEAD  
PULLED HIS PUNCH  
AT THE LAST  
MINUTE, JEAN!

ALL HE DID  
WAS PUT HIM  
TO SLEEP!



NOW ALL THAT LEAVES IS  
LAUGHING BOY!

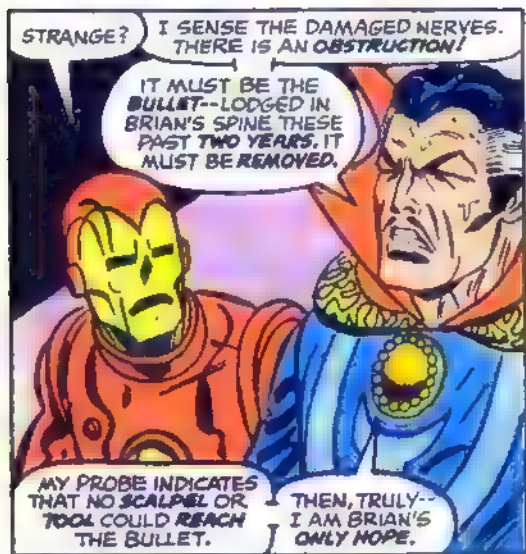
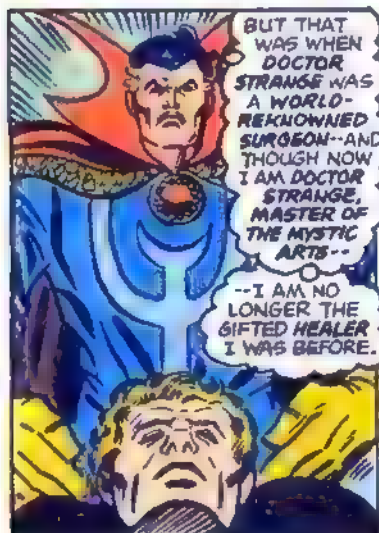
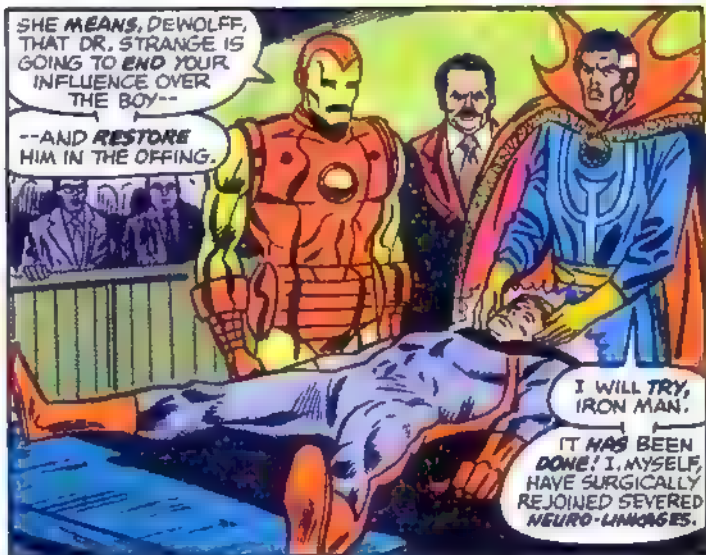
MY WEBBING FINALLY  
DISSOLVED, HUH, DEWOLFF?

I SWEAR TO YOU,  
SPIDER-MAN--IF  
YOU'VE HURT  
MY SON--!

ME? SEEMS LIKE I  
REMEMBER YOU PLAYING  
"INVASION OF THE BODY-  
SWITCHERS" ONCE YOU GOT  
INSIDE YOUR KID'S HEAD!

YOU'D MAKE ME  
LAUGH--IF YOU  
DIDN'T MAKE  
ME WANT TO  
THROW UP FIRST!











AND SO IT GOES, BUT NOT WITHOUT PROBLEMS FOR THE DEFENSE.

FIRSTLY, THE TESTIMONY OF SPIDER-MAN IS DISCOUNTED AS THERE IS STILL A QUESTION OF CRIMINALITY HANGING OVER THE WALL-CRAWLER'S OWN HEAD...

...AND THOUGH OTHERS STAND BEHIND HIM, HE STEPS ASIDE RATHER THAN CLOUD THE ISSUE...

WHICH LEAVES EVERYTHING HINGING ON THE QUESTION OF THE POWERS OF THE MIND--AND WHETHER ONE MIND MAY INFLUENCE ANOTHER.

SPECIALIST PROF. CHARLES XAVIER ANSWERS: "YES--AT LEAST IN THE CASE OF A GENETIC MUTATION."

THE TITAN-BRED MOON-DRAGON DEMONSTRATES THAT THE SUPER-SCIENCE OF AN ALIEN RACE CAN ALSO PRODUCE SUCH POWERS.

"BUT," POINTS OUT THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, "NEITHER CASE APPLIES HERE!"

AND, UNFORTUNATELY...

...THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION IS THAT HE MAY BE--LEGALLY--RIGHT.

WE HAVE HEARD BOTH SIDES OF THE QUESTION--AND ALL THE EVIDENCE IS IN.

THIS COURT IS RECESSED FOR ONE HOUR WHILE WE ATTEMPT TO REACH A VERDICT!

I'VE DONE ALL I CAN, GENTLEMEN--WE'RE NOW AT THE MERCY OF THE COURT.

AND I SENSED A RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE JUDGES TO ACCEPT THE WRAITH'S MIND-POWERS AS PROVABLY REAL.

HAVE THEY NOT EYES? DID THEY NOT SEE?

THEY SAW, DOCTOR. BUT BELIEVING IS ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY.

EVEN I'M NOT SURE I CAN RATIONALLY DEAL WITH THE THINGS I'VE SEEN.

LIKE THE JUDGES, I'M ONLY HUMAN.

AS ARE WE, MR. BALE--  
--ALL TOO HUMAN.

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ONCE MORE THE COURT IS CALLED TO ORDER, AND THE DEFENDANTS ARE ASKED TO COME BEFORE THE BENCH TO HEAR THE VERDICT.

BRIAN AND PHILLIP DEWOLFF-- DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST YOU?

I--YES SIR.

THEN I MUST TELL YOU, THAT WHILE THIS COURT IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PROOFS OFFERED AS TO A "MIND-FORCE" POSSESSED BY EITHER YOU OR YOUR FATHER--

--WE WILL CONCEDE THAT THERE WAS SOME MANNER OF COERCION USED TO MANIPULATE YOU, BRIAN DEWOLFF--CONTRARY TO YOUR WILL--

--AND THAT SAID MANIPULATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE FATHER --PHILLIP DEWOLFF--AND THAT IT DOES CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF ONE MAN'S RIGHTS BY ANOTHER.

IN BRIEF-- THE COURT FINDS BRIAN DEWOLFF INNOCENT OF ANY CRIMES--

--AND PHILLIP DEWOLFF... GUILTY AS CHARGED!

NO! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I CAN'T BE GUILTY OF WISHING SOMEONE DEAD! BRIAN KILLED PEOPLE--HE SENT THOSE BOMBS!

\*MTU 48-50--ARCH.

EVEN NOW YOU'D THROW BRIAN TO THE DOGS TO SAVE YOURSELF-- WOULDN'T YOU, FATHER?

YOU'RE ALL AGAINST ME! IT'S THE WRAITH WHO'S A KILLER-- NOT ME!!

YET IT WAS YOU WHO CREATED THE WRAITH! I-- I'M SORRY FOR YOU, FATHER.

THAT'S ONLY PART ONE, JEAN. YOUR DAD'S NIGHTMARE IS JUST BEGINNING.

BUT OUR TASK IS DONE. THE TRULY INNOCENT ONE HAS BEEN SPARED.

JEAN TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED, DOCTOR.

I CAN'T THANK ALL OF YOU ENOUGH!

PERHAPS YOU CAN, BRIAN DEWOLFF!

HUH? WHAT DO YOU--?

HE MEANS THAT BRIAN STILL POSSESSES THE MIND-POWERS THAT MADE HIM THE WRAITH!

YOU'RE BOTH LAW-OFFICERS! IF SUCH A POWER IS THERE TO BE USED--THEN IT SEEMS IT SHOULD BE USED--

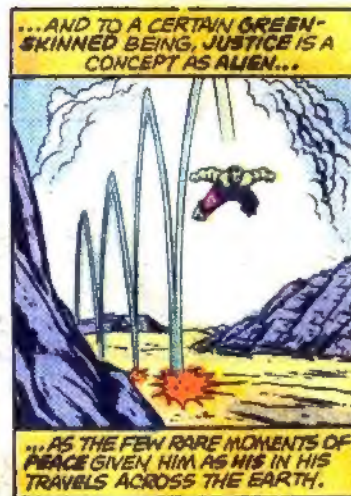
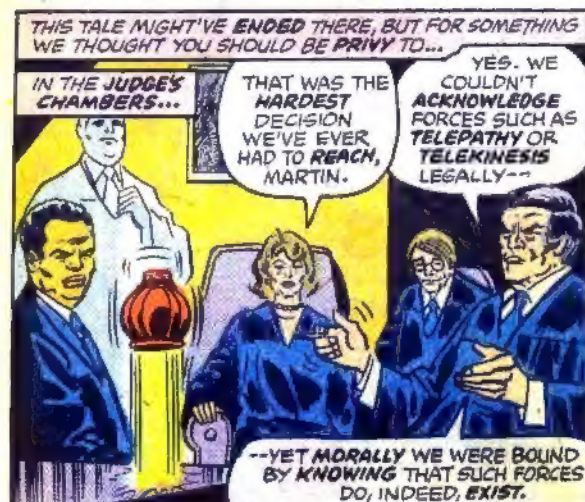
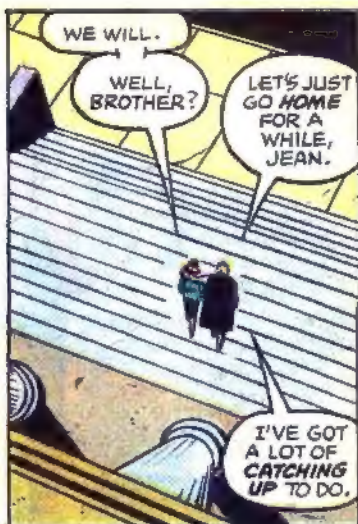
--AND MAYBE THE WRAITH SHOULD LIVE AGAIN--

--AS A FORCE FOR GOOD!

THINK WELL ON IT!

AND THEN THE GOLDEN AVENGER AND THE MYSTIC MASTER ARE GONE...





BUT OL' GREENSKIN'LL HAVE TO WAIT AN ISSUE, 'CAUSE NEXT MONTH OUR WEBBED WALL-CRAWLER TEAMS UP WITH NONE OTHER THAN...

**CAPTAIN AMERICA!**

**DON'T MISS IT!**